

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 9 and 17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Figs. 1A-E are corrected pursuant to the attached replacement sheet. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hu in the June 19 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Specifically, Figs. 1A-E are corrected pursuant to the attached replacement sheet to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interview.

The Examiner asserted that the drawings did not show a shape of an outer edge of the ion shield member that is tapered toward an outermost edge thereof, as recited by independent claim 1. Figs. 1A-E are corrected pursuant to the attached replacement sheet to illustrate this feature. Support for this feature is found in the specification at page 7, line 17 through page 8, line 10. No new matter has been entered.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 9 and 17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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